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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed November 14, 2005 for the above-captioned application, for which the deadline to respond is January 14, 2006.

Applicants respectfully point out executed declarations were submitted on April 25, 2005 along with the national-phase filing of the above-captioned application. Specifically, three identical declaration documents were provided to the Office on April 25, 2005. Each of the listed inventors signed one of the three documents. (Because it was necessary to obtain signatures from nine separate inventors located throughout the United States, different groups of inventors signed different copies of the declaration.) Copies of the signed declarations, the Transmittal Letter (indicating the inclusion of "[a]n oath or declaration of the inventor(s)" at item 9), and the return postcard received by the USPTO on April 25, 2005, are attached hereto.

In view of the above, it is believed that the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 was sent in error, and that no fees are due. However, any fees due should be charged to Deposit Account 13-2755.

Correspondence should continue to be directed to the address below. Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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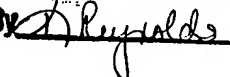
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